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1. "DESPITE THE FACT THAT ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN
EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI LONDON CONFERENCE, WE CAN WITHOUT DOUBT SAY THAT THE

LONDON MEETING WILL ACHIEVE NOTHING POSITIVE BECAUSE OF PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN'S PREVIOUS INTRANSIGENCE," COMMENTS ASSISTANT EDITOR
NTOTO WAKU ON FRONT PAGE OF KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA JULY 4TH. MR. NTOTO
NOTES THAT ISRAEL HAS ALREADY REJECTED THE LATEST EGYPTIAN MIDDLE
EAST PEACE PROPOSAL--CONSIDERED BY OBSERVERS TO BE THE MOST
REASONABLE YET PRESENTED BY EGYPT---BEFORE IT WAS EVEN OFFICIALLY
SUBMITTED.

2. THE EDITOR POINTS OUT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS WELL AWARE OF THE
PREVAILING PROBABILITY OF FAILURE AND HAS ALREADY SPOKEN OF RESORTING

TO THE U.N. GENEVA MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE IF THE LONDON TALKS WERE
UNSUCCESSFUL. "WHILE THE ARABS CALL FOR A TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL
FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES", CONTINUES THE EDITOR, "THE U.S. PROPOSES
LIMITED SELF-DETERMINATION, UNDER ISRAEL'S MILITARY CONTROL, TO
THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN AND THE GAZA STRIP.

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3. "IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT RESPONSE CAIRO AND JERUSALEM WILL
GIVE IN LONDON TO THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL", CONCLUDES COMMENTARY.
ITEM.
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